

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Tomohiko ISHIKURA

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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated February 14, 2005, applicant respectfully requests consideration and examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A Notice of Appeal and Petition for a three month extension of time was filed and the appropriate fees were paid on August 12, 2005. Therefore the RCE accompanying this submission was timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: